



## WEST VIRGINIA'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

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### **Application Process**

- Once your Site has been approved to Host a VISTA, all available applications will be sent to you
- You may interview an applicant before they apply online or afterwards
- All Applicants must apply online at <http://my.americorps.gov>  
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=6738>
- Applicant will select [Register to create a new Member/Alum account](#)
- Applicant will fill out the 4 step questions and hit submit
- An automatic email will be sent to applicant
- Applicant will then need to check their email, and follow instructions; applicant will have 72 hours to complete their application.
- Once their application is complete, the applicant submits/selects WV's Promise-The Alliance for Youth Project and/or any other VISTA projects around the country/state that they might be interested in. Also, applicants please check the boxes related to the references you want to be viewed.
- An automatic email sent to Project Director-Pam Dugan
- If Site Supervisor is aware of applicant applying please send the applicants name to WV's Promise Project director-Pam Dugan.
- Citizenship documentation is required, see below. This is completed online.
- Project Director views application and can send the application electronically to the site supervisor, when references have completed their section
- If site chooses an applicant (please let Pam know if you want to recommend an applicant)
- Project Director-Pam Dugan is required to
  - Complete online sponsor evaluation form for that applicant
- Site Supervisor is required to
  - check references
  - interview applicant
- WV's Promise Project Director-Pam Dugan, recommends the applicant online
- Applicant must go back online to accept the offer
- WV Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) reviews application online
- CNCS accepts (as long as there are resources available) and places or declines the applicant for the project

Questions please contact:

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If CNCS accepts, Applicant goes back online (where applicant initially accepted offer) before attending PSO and completes all additional paperwork. **Remember to hit the "SAVE" button after completing each one of these sections above.** Complete the information for your travel to the Pre-Service Orientation (PSO).

- Trainee Registration Profile
  - Travel
  - End of Service Option
    - ✓ "Segal AmeriCorps Education Award"
    - ✓ "Stipend"
  - In Service Benefits
    - ✓ Life Insurance
    - ✓ V81 Form
    - ✓ Health Care
    - ✓ Child Care
  - Living Allowance
    - ✓ Direct Deposit
    - ✓ Tax Statements
    - ✓ Unpaid Compensation Information
  - W2
  - Service Letters
- Before Pre-Serve Orientation (PSO) applicant and Site Supervisor will also need to complete the Terms, Conditions and Benefits online training at [www.vistacampus.org](http://www.vistacampus.org). Click the wheel as to what you are (**Supervisor, VISTA**) at the bottom left hand side click "create a new account". Once you have completed the Terms, Condition and Benefits print the certificate at the end (please allow 120 minutes to complete). Please mail a signed copy of certificate to WV's Promise VISTA Project Director- Pam Dugan and VISTA's take a copy to PSO.

**To extend an offer to an applicant, all reference responses must be completed.**

### **Citizenship Documents**

*The eligibility requirements are more stringent for the education award.*

*To qualify for an education award, an individual must be a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national or a lawful permanent resident alien.*

*To qualify for a post service cash stipend, an individual need only be a legal resident of a state.*

Any member that re-enrolls will need to submit documentation that meets the new requirements. The Site will send an email confirming that they reviewed the required documentation for the re-enrollee and send the confirmation to the VMSU. **Please make copies and mail to me as soon as possible.**



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### **Lists of Acceptable Documents**

#### **Required Documentation for a U.S. Citizen of U. S. National (education award eligible)**

- **Birth Certificate** showing that the individual was born in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands, OR *(A U.S. birth certificate alone fully meets the requirements to serve in AmeriCorps VISTA and to receive an education award.)* OR,
- **US Passport-** *(a passport is issued only to U.S. citizens; it may be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship even after its expiration date. In addition, accepting a U.S. passport is consistent with AmeriCorps State and National policy.)* OR
- A report of birth abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240) issued by the State Department, OR
- A certificate of birth-foreign service (FS 545) issued by the State Department, OR
- A certification of report of birth (DS-1350) issued by the State Department, OR
- A certificate of naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570) issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, OR
- A certificate of citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561) issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

#### **Required Documentation for a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien (education award-eligible)**

- The following are acceptable forms of certifying status as a lawful permanent resident alien of the United States:
- Permanent Resident Card, INS Form I-551 ("Green Card"); OR
- Alien Registration Receipt Card, INS Form I-551, OR
- A passport indicating that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has approved it as temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence. OR,
- A Departure Record (INS Form I-94) indicating that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has

#### **Required Documentation for Persons Legally Residing in a State (cash stipend-eligible)**

An individual who does not provide documentation of eligibility for the education award as stated above may still demonstrate eligibility to serve in AmeriCorps VISTA by providing proof of legal residency in a state. Previously this was satisfied by providing a copy of a Government issued photo ID (e.g, drivers license) and a social security card. On the effective date of this procedure change, an individual must provide government-issued photo identification and an immigration document demonstrating legal residency in a state. Examples include refugee status, asylum status, and temporary protected status. Consult with the State Office to ensure appropriate documentation for such individuals.